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TO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY NIACT IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DICK MOOSE

E.O. 11652:N/A

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SUBJECT: OMISSION OF NIGER FROM MISS LILLIAN'S ITINERARY

REF: NIAMEY 3514

1. IN EVENT THAT DJERMAKOYE DOES RAISE QUESTION OF
NIGER'S OMISSION FROM TRIP ITINERARY ON MISS LILLIAN'S
RECENT VISIT TO AFRICA, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO REPLY ON
MY BEHALF, EXPLAINING THAT AMBASSADOR DIALLO'S COMMENTS
(REFTEL) WERE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION.

2. WE GREATLY REGRET THAT MISS LILLIAN WAS UNABLE TO
VISIT ALL CILSS MEMBERS. ALTHOUGH HER VISIT TO WEST
AFRICA WAS RELATIVELY LENGTHY (10 DAYS), FOUR OUT OF
EIGHT CILSS MEMBERS WERE THE BEST THAT COULD BE ARRANGED.
THE GAMBIA WAS CHOSEN AS THE STARTING POINT FOR MISS
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LILLIAN'S TRIP, BECAUSE PRESIDENT JAWARA HAD EXTENDED
THE ORIGINAL INVITATION ON BEHALF OF CILSS MEMBERS DURING
HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. IN EARLY JUNE. THE CHOICE OF
MISS LILLIAN'S OTHER STOPS WAS A LOGISTICAL, IF SOMEWHAT
ARBITRARY, DECISION. WE HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED WARM AND
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH NIGER.

3. MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO WEST AFRICA WAS A GREAT SUCCESS IN CALLING ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC TO THE SAHEL COUNTRIES, THEIR PROBLEMS, AND THE UNIQUE, MULTILATERAL EFFORT BEING CARRIED OUT THERE TO MAKE THE REGION SELF-SUPPORTING IN FOOD.

4. PLEASE TELL DJERMAKOYE THAT I REGRET THAT I ALSO WAS UNABLE TO STOP IN NIAMEY WHILE WITH MISS LILLIAN'S PARTY. PERHAPS I WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT NIAMEY DURING MY NEXT VISIT TO WEST AFRICA AND I CERTAINLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM NEXT FALL DURING UNGA.

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